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1. EMBASSY RECALLS THAT WHEN FONMIN WAS ASKED AT RECENT TORREJON MEETING, WHETHER SPAIN WOULD ACCEPT ICJ ADJUDICATION, CORTINA SAID GOS CONSIDERED SAHARA DECOLONIZATION MORE A POLITICAL PROBLEM THAN A JURIDICAL ONE, BUT WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON SPECIFIC QUESTION OF SPAIN'S ACQUIESCENCE. WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER INDICATIONS OF FONMIN'S REACTION SINCE THAT TIME.

2. IN CHECK WITH MFA NOV 27, EMBASSY TOLD BY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF UN AFFAIRS THAT GOS CONSIDERED DECOLONIZATION A POLITICAL MATTER AND NOT A JURIDICAL ONE. HOWEVER, SHOULD UN DECIDE TO HAVE ISSUE REFERRED TO ICJ FOR "ADVISORY OPINION", GOS WOULD NOT OPPOSE SUCH A STEP. MFA OFFICIAL UNDERSCORED IMPORTANCE OF REFERRAL INVOLVING NOTHING MORE THAN "ADVISORY OPINION". HE ALSO SAID GOS
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WAS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH MOROCCANS AND MAURITANIANS

AND WAS AWAITING WITH INTEREST COMMENTS OF ALGERIANS
TO FOURTH COMMITTEE NOV 27. GOS POSITION ON ANY REFERRAL
TO ICJ WOULD DEPEND ENTIRELY ON FORM OF RESOLUTION
ITSELF. OFFICIAL REPEATED THAT GOS WOULD NOT OPPOSE
IF REFERRAL INVOLVED "ADVISORY OPINION" ONLY.
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